

Torrance, California  
October 13, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on October 13, 1937, at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. Absent; Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held September 28, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Lyons Hog Ranch, signed by Mr. C.J. Lyons, owner, was read. Mr. Lyons requested that the Council grant him an extension of time until November 20, 1937, for the removal of his hog ranch from the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted and that the other interested party be notified.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication signed by Torrance C. Welch, F.L. Parks, Howe Insurance Service and Holmes Collection Service, requesting that the Council apportion at least four curb spaces for exclusive parking at 1418 and 1420 Marcelina Avenue to accomodate the firms listed above, and which firms are located at these addresses.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for further reference. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, extending an invitation to the City Officials to attend the dedication of a new Greyhound Bus on October 16, 1937, at 11:00 a.m.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to notify the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce that two officials would attend the affair.

Communication from Willard G. Rugraff, requesting that the City compensate him in the sum of \$5.50 for damage to his automobile when he collided with a crosswalk sign which had been left out overnight.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted.

Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from County of Los Angeles Road Department, setting forth method to be used for the distribution of Gasoline Tax Funds to the various incorporated cities of the county. It was decided that Mr. Leonard and Mr. Hitchcock would meet and study the matter to determine the next improvement to be made before any definite action is taken.

Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that City Council meet with Chamber of Commerce Board Monday, October 18, 1937, at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the zoning for residential purposes the area west of Cedar Avenue.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to notify the Chamber of Commerce that this arrangement would be satisfactory.

Communications from the American Legion, The Rotary Club, and the Bert S. Crossland Unit 170, all treating on the same subject. Each of these communications requested that the auditorium be given, free of rental, Friday night of each week for the purpose of holding dances to provide entertainment for the young people of the community.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be granted, subject to postponement by the City Council whenever necessary.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Engineer Leonard furnished a map and a report on the proposed McDonald Tract Water District.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1162

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE RELATIVE TO PROPOSED MUNICIPAL  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 2 OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1162 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy explained the necessary procedure for establishing a water district. There was a great deal of discussion, at which time Mr. Leonard read a detailed report dealing with the establishment of the district.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1163

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE APPROVING REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER  
AND CITY ATTORNEY UNDER DEBT LIMITATION ACT,  
COVERING MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER  
2 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING TIME AND  
PLACE OF HEARING THEREON, DETERMINING BODY BEFORE  
WHOM SAID REPORT SHALL BE HEARD AND DIRECTING  
GIVING OF NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF SAID HEARING

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1163 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce, together with a report of services rendered by Chamber of Commerce during first quarter (July, August and September) of fiscal year beginning July 1, 1937. The communication requested that the City Council give favorable action to payment of \$1800.00 for the ensuing quarter, ending December 31, 1937.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the report be accepted and that the request be granted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 299

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR KEEPING  
AND RUNNING AT LARGE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS  
AND FOWLS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 299 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 299 be adopted for final reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1164

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$7825.43  
TO ESER WIKHOLM, LTD., CONTRACTOR, REPRESENTING  
FINAL PAYMENT UNDER THEIR CONTRACT COVERING  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE TORRANCE ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET 1487-D

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1164 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1165

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING TORRANCE  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING  
EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF NOTICE OF  
COMPLETION

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1165 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$90.00 be made to cover finishing of tables in Administration Building. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$148.84 be made for the purchase of a steam table for the Administration Building. Councilman McGuire seconded

the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:  
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$254.32 be made for the purchase of table linen and extra glassware for the Administration Building. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$275.00 be made for the purchase of a piano for the auditorium. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$70.00 be made for the purchase of fifty gallons of drip fluid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that the insurance on the City Fleet of Automobiles be renewed with the Travelers Insurance Company. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion.

Upon a request of Councilman McGuire that the estimates of other insurance companies be opened, Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his second to the above motion, and Councilman Deininger withdrew his motion.

Estimates were opened and read in the following order:

(1)	Travelers Insurance Company, Total Premium	\$1,190.11
(2)	American Automobile Insurance "	" 1,134.55
(3)	Ohio Casualty Company "	" 932.62
(4)	Pacific Indemnity Company "	" 858.32
(5)	Fidelity & Casualty Company "	" 1,190.11
(6)	Western Insurance Company "	" 948.26
(7)	Metropolitan Casualty Insurance "	"
	Company - Loyalty Group	901.75

After considerable discussion, Councilman McGuire moved that the matter be held over for ten days to give ample time to analyze and study each estimate. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion.

Councilman Hitchcock then made a substitute motion that the insurance on the City Fleet of Automobiles be granted to the Travelers Insurance Company. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$180.00 be made for the purchase of an adding machine for the water department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$70.00 be made for the purchase of Hoytator gas heaters for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$495.00 be appropriated for the purchase of an Atlas Rotary Wheel Road Scraper for the Street Department. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the purchase of a desk from the Chamber of Commerce for use in the library be authorized. The motion failed to carry for want of a second.

Councilman Deininger moved that the Chamber of Commerce be requested to donate this desk to the library. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a carpenter be employed to construct eight shelves and repair and paint the door of the library as per librarian's instructions. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation be made for the purchase of iron gates for the library yard. Councilman Powell seconded the motion. Councilman McGuire suggested that prices be obtained before action was taken. Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion and Councilman Powell withdrew his second.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$300.00 be made for the purchase of heaters for the library. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock brought up the subject of the incorrect house numbering in certain districts, especially the South Torrance district.

After some discussion on the matter, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to have notices printed and sent out to property owners, designating their proper house numbers and requiring that these numbers be placed on the houses within a period of thirty days from the date they receive the notice. The post office is to be notified of these changes also.

Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that trees at 1338 Engracia and 1028 Amapola had been investigated and that the requests for removal had been denied.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Tom Watson brought up the subject of the plastering ordinance. He was informed by Mr. Leonard, City Engineer, that

the Uniform Building Code distinctly states that rooms connected with garages must have metal lath and cement plaster. Councilman Hitchcock suggested that Mr. Leonard look into the matter.

Mayor Tolson suggested that Mr. Watson and the other plaster contractors write a letter to the City Council, stating exactly what they desire. No definite action was taken.

Councilman Deininger moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:40 p.m., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bant  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

C. J. Tolson  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.